

House Bill 499 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the compensation of certain officials in Chatham County,  
2 approved March 26, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4797), as amended by an Act approved April 21,  
3 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4446), so as to change the compensation of the judges of the recorder's  
4 court, judge of the probate court, judges of the juvenile court, judges of the state court, and  
5 judges of the magistrate court; to remove cost-of-living increases; to provide an effective  
6 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing for the compensation of certain officials in Chatham County, approved  
10 March 26, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4797), as amended by an Act approved April 21, 1997 (Ga.  
11 L. 1997, p. 4446), is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

12 "SECTION 1.

13 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, each officer and official of  
14 Chatham County listed in this subsection shall receive a salary fixed by the governing  
15 authority of such county, provided that said salary for each officer shall not be less than the  
16 salary set forth as follows:

17	Tax commissioner. ....	\$53,000.00 per annum
18	Sheriff. ....	54,000.00 per annum
19	Clerk of superior court. ....	56,000.00 per annum
20	Clerk of the state court. ....	45,000.00 per annum,
21		provided that if the
22		clerk of the state court
23		also serves as court
24		administrator, such

officer shall receive an  
 annual base salary to be  
 fixed by the governing  
 authority of the county  
 at not less than  
 \$60,000.00, payable in  
 equal monthly  
 installments from the  
 funds of the county.

Coroner..... \$12,000.00 per annum

(b) Each officer and official of Chatham County listed in this subsection shall receive a salary fixed by the governing authority of such county, provided that said salary for each officer shall not be less than the salary set forth as follows:

Chief judge of the recorder's court. .... An annual salary equal to the sum of 85 percent of the annual salary of a judge of superior court as paid by the state plus 85 percent of the annual amount of any supplement paid by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the superior court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority of Chatham County shall pay to the chief judge of the recorder's court an additional salary supplement as additional compensation for performing the duties incumbent upon a chief judge of not less than 85 percent of the salary supplement paid to the chief judge of the Eastern Judicial Circuit pursuant to Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108, Section 1(e).

Judge of the recorder's court. .... An annual salary equal to the sum of 85 percent of the annual salary of a judge of superior court as paid by the state plus 85 percent of the annual amount of any supplement paid by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the superior

1 court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge  
2 of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,  
3 p. 4108.

4 Judge of the probate court..... An annual salary equal to the sum of 80  
5 percent of the annual salary of a judge of  
6 superior court as paid by the state plus 80  
7 percent of the annual amount of any  
8 supplement paid by the governing authority of  
9 Chatham County to a judge of the superior  
10 court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge  
11 of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,  
12 p. 4108.

13 Presiding judge of the juvenile court. .... An annual salary equal to the sum of 90  
14 percent of the annual salary of a judge of  
15 superior court as paid by the state plus 90  
16 percent of the annual amount of any  
17 supplement paid by the governing authority of  
18 Chatham County to a judge of the superior  
19 court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge  
20 of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,  
21 p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority  
22 of Chatham County shall pay to the presiding  
23 judge of the juvenile court an additional salary  
24 supplement as additional compensation for  
25 performing the duties incumbent upon a  
26 presiding judge of not less than 90 percent of  
27 the salary supplement paid to the chief judge  
28 of the Eastern Judicial Circuit pursuant to Ga.  
29 L. 1997, p. 4108, Section 1(e).

30 Judge of the juvenile court. .... An annual salary equal to the sum of 90  
31 percent of the annual salary of a judge of  
32 superior court as paid by the state plus 90  
33 percent of the annual amount of any  
34 supplement paid by the governing authority of  
35 Chatham County to a judge of the superior  
36 court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge

of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,  
p. 4108.

Chief judge of the state court. . . . . An annual salary equal to the sum of 95  
percent of the annual salary of a judge of  
superior court as paid by the state plus 95  
percent of the annual amount of any  
supplement paid by the governing authority of  
Chatham County to a judge of the superior  
court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge  
of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,  
p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority  
of Chatham County shall pay to the chief  
judge of the state court an additional salary  
supplement as additional compensation for  
performing the duties incumbent upon a chief  
judge of not less than 95 percent of the salary  
supplement paid to the chief judge of the  
Eastern Judicial Circuit pursuant to Ga. L.  
1997, p. 4108, Section 1(e).

Judge of the state court. . . . . An annual salary equal to the sum of 95  
percent of the annual salary of a judge of  
superior court as paid by the state plus 95  
percent of the annual amount of any  
supplement paid by the governing authority of  
Chatham County to a judge of the superior  
court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge  
of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,  
p. 4108.

Chief magistrate of the magistrate court. . . An annual salary equal to the sum of 80  
percent of the annual salary of a judge of  
superior court as paid by the state plus 80  
percent of the annual amount of any  
supplement paid by the governing authority of  
Chatham County to a judge of the superior  
court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge  
of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997,

p. 4108. In addition, the governing authority of Chatham County shall pay to the chief magistrate of the magistrate court an additional salary supplement as additional compensation for performing the duties incumbent upon a chief judge of not less than 80 percent of the salary supplement paid to the chief judge of the Eastern Judicial Circuit pursuant to Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108, Section 1(e).

Magistrates of the magistrate court. . . . . An annual salary equal to the sum of 80 percent of the annual salary of a judge of superior court as paid by the state plus 80 percent of the annual amount of any supplement paid by the governing authority of Chatham County to a judge of the superior court, excluding any longevity pay to a judge of the superior court pursuant to Ga. L. 1997, p. 4108.

(c) The governing authority of Chatham County shall grant each officer and official listed in subsection (a) of this section the same percentage increases in salary that it grants as cost-of-living increases to employees of Chatham County. Such increases shall be granted at the same time cost-of-living increases are granted to county employees."

## **SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

## **SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.